

Question for written answer E-004787/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Commission response to recent Chinese export restrictions on critical raw materials

China has recently introduced or announced a series of export restrictions on critical raw materials, including, inter alia, rare earths and other inputs essential for the production of semiconductors, batteries, renewable energy technologies and defence applications. These measures risk aggravating existing supply bottlenecks, undermining the EU's industrial competitiveness, and jeopardising the objectives of the Green Deal and the digital and security transitions.

In this context:

1. How does the Commission assess the compatibility of these Chinese export restrictions with World Trade Organization rules, and is it considering launching consultations or dispute settlement proceedings, either alone or in coordination with like-minded partners?
2. What immediate steps is the Commission taking to secure alternative supply routes and to accelerate the diversification of EU imports of critical raw materials, including through the implementation of the Critical Raw Materials Act¹, strategic partnerships with third countries, and support for domestic extraction, processing and recycling in the EU?
3. Does the Commission intend to propose additional trade defence, industrial or research and innovation measures to mitigate the impact of these restrictions on key European value chains, in particular those related to clean energy, advanced manufacturing and security and defence, and if so, on what timeline?

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¹ OJ L, 2024/1252, 3.5.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1252/oj>.